

LANCASTER COUNTY MUSIC THERAPIST

NATURE OF WORK

This is human service work providing music therapy to residents of a county operated skilled and intermediate care facility.

Work involves planning, scheduling and conducting individual and group music therapy sessions in order to facilitate interaction and communication among residents as well as to satisfy physical and psychosocial goals. Work also involves determining residents' musical interests upon admission; documenting music therapy services; reviewing and evaluating residents' progress; and maintaining a variety of records reflecting residents' interests, goals and progress. Supervision is received from the Activities Director with work being reviewed in the form of the effectiveness of musical therapeutic techniques utilized.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Plan, schedule and implement individual and group music programming to promote resident interaction and communication and to satisfy physical and psychosocial goals.

Determine residents' musical interests and needs upon referral in order to provide appropriate music therapy services.

Document music therapy services; review and evaluate residents' progress.

Promote and coordinate community-resident involvement through music activities.

Assist in planning and implementation of departmental functions such as fund-raisers, family dinners, dances, etc.

Order music materials and maintain musical instruments to insure quality music programming and safety.

Provide proper notification of music therapy programming to others within the facility; coordinate effective and supportive implementation of music therapy services.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of providing music therapy to residents of a skilled and intermediate care facility.

Knowledge of the social, financial, family and related problems and situations generally associated with confinement in a licensed skilled and intermediate care facility.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with residents, families, co-workers and the general public.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Skilled in the use of a piano, guitar and other types of musical instruments utilized in the delivery of music therapy.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with major course work in music, music education or related field plus some experience providing music therapy to residents of a nursing facility.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a senior high school plus experience in music education or related field or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledges, abilities and skills.

DESIRABLE SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Nationally board certified Music Therapist is desirable at the time of appointment.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Employees in this class working at Lancaster Manor must meet such physical and health requirements necessary for employment in a licensed skilled and intermediate care facility as required by the State of Nebraska.

Approved by: _____
Department Head

Personnel Director

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